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U.S. ATTORNEY IMPLEMENTS INITIAL ORGANIZATIONAL AND PERSONNEL CHANGES

Paul I. Perez, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, announced today a restructuring of the upper management of his office, the reorganization of the criminal division of the Tampa office, and the appointment of a number of top supervisors.

The restructuring of upper management consists of the following:

- Changing the duties of the Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney to provide oversight and continuous review of various aspects of the office, including prosecution guidelines, victim-witness programs, training, and policies and procedure.
- Creation of a Tampa Chief position to provide direct oversight and supervision of the Tampa Criminal Division.
- Creation of an Associate Assistant United States Attorney position to oversee the Civil Division and the office's administrative staff.

The reorganization of the Criminal Division in Tampa includes the following:

- Forming a Special Prosecution Unit to handle terrorism-related crimes and crimes that form the underpinnings of foreign and domestic terrorism, including identity theft, social security fraud, immigration violations, violent crimes, the possession and use of firearms by convicted felons, and other weapons violations.
- Forming a Drug Unit to handle all controlled substance-related crimes (merging the former Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force with a portion of the former Major Crimes Unit).
- Forming a General Crimes Unit that will include the prosecution of economic crimes, including health care fraud, bank fraud, and tax-related offenses; child pornography; environmental crimes; and property crimes.
- Forming a Public Corruption Unit that will focus specifically on the investigation and prosecution of public officials, including law enforcement officers who violate federal law.

In connection with these changes, Mr. Perez appointed the following persons to upper management positions:

- Terry A. Zitek - Executive Assistant United States Attorney. Mr. Zitek has served with distinction as the Chief of the Criminal Division for more than 17 years.
- Robert E. O'Neill - Chief of the Criminal Division. He will be responsible for overseeing criminal prosecutions throughout the Middle District of Florida. Mr. O'Neill served previously as the Chief of the Special Prosecutions Unit.

- Robert A. Mosakowski - Chief of the Tampa Division. Mr. Mosakowski has been serving as the Acting Chief of the Major Crimes Section in Tampa.
- Brian M. Kane - Associate United States Attorney. Mr. Kane also will continue to serve as the Chief of the Jacksonville office.

On March 18, 2002, the day Mr. Perez was sworn in as the United States Attorney, he named James R. Klindt of Jacksonville as his Chief Assistant. Mr. Perez expects to fill all other supervisory positions, including those in Ft. Myers, Orlando, and Jacksonville, within the next ten days.